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HUMANE SOCIETY VOICES PLEA FOR BIGGER CHILD WELFARE WORK HERE

Need of Girls' Detention Home and Home for the Feeble- Minded Pointed Out

A plea for a bigger child welfare work in Honolulu, including the establishment of a detention home for girls and a home for feeble-minded children, was voiced at the annual meeting of the Humane Society in a report read by Mrs. L. L. McCandless, president.

The report, in full, is as follows: "Fellow Workers, Ladies and Gentlemen: The past year has been one of intense activity for humane workers throughout the civilized world. Just half a century has elapsed since Henry Bergh founded the first American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the fortieth annual convention of the American Humane Association is being held today—at this moment—in Cincinnati, Ohio. This has been a memorable year in humane work. An International Child Welfare League has been formed and committees are to be appointed in each European country, the chairmen of these national groups to constitute a central international council. The great need of concerted action in child welfare work can best be appreciated when we consider the appalling mortality among young children. To quote from the National Humane Review, figures taken from the Child's Guardian, London, England, a striking report can center our attention on such need. 'According to the return of the registrar general for the year 1913, the number of children under five years of age who died was 140,557, and of these 95,605 did not live one year.' In our own islands with a population of about 225,000, the mortality of children under five years of age for the year 1915-16 was 1872. Of this number 1259 did not survive one year. This is 47 1/2 per cent of the total number of deaths."

"From latest report of the Board of Health: 'Hawaii has had a high infant mortality rate that has long been a public health problem. The large number of deaths under one year is evident and suggests the inquiry into the causes of death which may be commented upon in the following tables—figures which I have just quoted—47 1/2 per cent of the total number of deaths—children under 5 years. Here certainly is a field for Child Welfare work. What shall we do to improve conditions?'

"What is known as the Federal Child Labor bill recently passed by Congress and signed by President Wilson is perhaps the greatest recognition of the importance of child welfare ever put into effect. It reads in part: 'No producer, manufacturer or dealer shall ship or deliver for shipment in interstate commerce the product of any mine or quarry situated in the United States which has been produced in whole or in part by the labor of children under sixteen years or the product of any mill, cannery, workshop, factory or manufacturing establishment situated in the United States which has been produced in whole or in part by the labor of children under the age of fourteen years or by the labor of children between the ages of fourteen years and sixteen years who work more than eight hours in any one day or more than six days in any one week or after the hour of 7 o'clock, post meridian, or before the hour of 7 o'clock, anti meridian.'

"Two bills introduced in Congress, which provided for the creation of a board of five censors to pass upon all motion picture films used in interstate business, were defeated but the effort shows a step in the right direction. Last year our society did much active work for the improvement of this valuable factor in the child's education and this year a number of ladies have organized to cooperate in the presentation of only good films. 'Again returning to the subject of animal welfare, we are pleased to note that on May 22, 1916, the Honorable Newton D. Baker, our secretary of war, invited the American Humane Association to develop and work for the relief of sick and injured army animals, similar to that carried on by the Red Cross for the United States soldiers, with the result that a body of workers, composed of committees from anti-cruelty societies to be called 'Branches' of the American Red Star Animal Relief, has been organized and methods of procedure will be one of the important subjects discussed at the convention now in session."

"Having touched upon some of the subjects of general importance, let us now review our own work for the year. You will remember that at our last annual meeting we urged that means be provided that our humane agent, who at that time was Miss Lucy Ward, be given an assistant. We sincerely thank the community for its generous response. Mrs. Irmgard Elgin was appointed such able assistant and served with Miss Ward until the latter's resignation took effect on June 1, when Mrs. Elgin was appointed humane agent and Mr. Horace Crabbe was made assistant agent. The appreciation of the noble service rendered the society by Miss Ward was partially expressed by the society's making her an honorary humane agent, and we are more than delighted to acknowledge with sincere gratitude her continued activity in our humane work."

"During the year, a total of 2624 cases have received the attention of the society, of which 186 pertain to children. Twenty children have been placed in homes, as follows: Salvation Army, 7; Lanakila Hale, 2; Le-ah Home, 6; Korean Home, 1; Catholic Convent, 1; Day Camp, 1; adoptions, 2. We are pleased to report fewer cases of cruelty and neglect."

The cooperation of parents, which our agents are continually striving to secure, together with children's playgrounds situated in the congested districts and the good work done by similar institutions, have largely been conducive to this result. Our Child Welfare committee prosecutes only on three grounds, first, gross cruelty to children, second, continued neglect after warnings have been given, third, where children have been living in homes amid immoral environment."

"We have recently visited the Wai-alee school and we are pleased to report conditions vastly improved, the boys well cared for, happy and interested in their work. The Girls' Industrial school was also visited and general conditions reported to be ideal. Upon investigating the individual cases, it was learned that of the 57 inmates of the institution 18 little girls were confined there, some of whom had only slight charges against them, charges that a detention home might easily have corrected, and others with no charge against them other than that of being homeless and friendless—the appropriation made by the government long since having been almost entirely exhausted. Think of it—to suffer the stigma all their lives because no other place was provided for them. Ladies of the society, let me again appeal to you to work unceasingly that a detention home be established. 'Tis now six years since Mrs. Dole appealed to the legislature of Hawaii for a detention home. Let us with united effort and in the name of innocent children make that appeal effectual during our next fiscal year."

"We recently visited also the Salvation Army Home, where 87 children are so comfortably domiciled. The good work done in this home has established the confidence of the public to the extent that means have been supplied for the erection of a home that can shelter 80 boys and also a baby cottage that will accommodate 30 girls under 6 years of age. We are more than ordinarily interested in the Salvation Army Home, for of the 87 happy, healthy children cared for there, 50 of them are ours—50 of them belong to the Hawaiian Humane Society."

"In the three institutions just mentioned, we found feeble-minded inmates mingling with the other children, three in the Salvation Army Home, two extreme cases in the Girls' Industrial school and two also in Wai-alee. No provision is made by the authorities for these and other such poor unfortunates. Therefore, for the welfare of the children with whom they are forced to mingle and that our feeble-minded unfortunates may receive special treatment, we earnestly recommend that a means be established whereby they may be properly cared for."

An institution little known to the general public is the Kalihl Orphanage. There we found the children, 47 girls and boys, happy, well cared for, and enjoying an environment which tends to make of them good, industrious citizens. Bishop Libert, who established this home, informed the committee that they are now in need of a cottage for the larger boys. We hope that such assistance will be forthcoming that this good work may be continued."

"Time forbids our reviewing the numerous other children's homes but we report as a whole a marked increase of public interest in child welfare."

"The education committee succeeded in establishing with humane workers throughout the United States recognition of humane work at special service in the churches and a definite program in the public schools."

"The number of animal cases receiving the attention of the society was 2438. This greatly increased number is due largely to the society's having an assistant agent, whose duties have been almost entirely confined to this division of the work. The policy of warning when people are neglectful of the welfare of either children or animals and the giving of helpful and corrective advice has only in part been effective. We would respectfully urge the managers of public stables, the draying firms and all others directly interested in work animals to kindly cooperate with the society in animal welfare activity, not only in respect to stable conditions but in the matter of the treatment of the animals by their drivers. It is the intention of the Animal Welfare committee to immediately have translated and printed in several languages the laws pertaining to the prevention of cruelty to animals and to have such laws distributed and posted."

"On the last of May a petition signed by a large number of Hilo citizens was received, asking that a branch Humane Society be organized on the island of Hawaii. One of our vice-presidents, Mrs. E. P. Low, proceeded to Hilo and organized such branch, whose last report indicates excellent work being done. Appreciating how difficult it is to establish and finance such an undertaking, we recommend that we render our child much needed material assistance and encouragement, at least until it can walk alone."

"It is our ambition this year to further extend the work throughout the islands by means of definite organization."

"We take this opportunity to again thank the public press and all good citizens of the community for substantial support and cooperation in the alleviation of suffering."

"Respectfully submitted,
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Princess Henry of Battenberg left England last week for Spain on a visit to her daughter, Queen Victoria Eugenie. The members of the Royal family seldom stir out of England nowadays, and with one or two exceptions none of the princesses has visited the continent since the beginning of the war. This is the first time that Princess Henry of Battenberg has left this country since war was declared, her only travels being to and from Kensington Palace and the Isle of Wight.

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